

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 9, 11 and 19 are objected to because of the informalities.

Claims 1-3, 9, 11-13, 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,297,862 ("Murade") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,339,181 ("Kim et al"), and claim 21 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,297,862 ("Murade") and U.S. Patent No. 5,339,181 ("Kim et al") as applied to claims 1-3, 9, 11-13, 19 and 23 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,266,117 ("Yanagawa et al").

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 24 contains allowable subject matter.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

According to the Examiner's indication, Applicants have deleted claims 1-3, 9, 11-13, 19, 21 and 23. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claim 24 is pending.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants have deleted claims 1-3, 9, 11-13, 19, 21 and 23 and have left claim 24 only in accordance with the Examiner's indication. Thus, Applicants believe that at least claim 24 is in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's indication of this Office Action dated December 3, 2007.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.R.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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